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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Special Projects, ORR

SUBJECT: Comment on Suggestion No. 60-573

Chile's need for outside aid may well extend to mapping topographic changes. However, there are negative factors that bear on the proposed use of the U-2 for such mapping.

1. Securing aerial photography is only the beginning of a mapping operation. Chile also lacks the equipment and trained personnel needed to use large amounts of aerial photography. The U.S. would have to backstop all aspects of map compilation. The aircraft used would thus be only one part of a larger public relations pie.

2. The U-2 is not the proper aircraft to use for photo mapping Chilean ~~eastern~~ areas. There is no special need for high flying altitude, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Use of the U-2 could thus be called grandstanding, and the U.S. might be legitimately criticised on the ground that its aid was generated by self-interest.

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Enclosure:

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